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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAINE.

BOSTON, Feb. 12, 1892.

*To the Members of the American Peace Society:*

I desire to communicate to you the letter of Mr. J. Frederick Green, Secretary of the International Arbitration and Peace Association of London, enclosing the following resolution of their committee expressing their great regret at the death of Rev. Rowland B. Howard, our late Secretary.

Let me take this occasion to express my appreciation of the great services rendered by Mr. Howard to the cause of Peace. He first brought our Society to my knowledge and interested me at once deeply in its work. His contagious enthusiasm made him a powerful advocate in its behalf. His sincere love of humanity made the scope of work and influence as wide as the welfare of all mankind. His power as a preacher and speaker enabled him to utter and impress upon others the great truths which moved him. Thus his influence in the cause of the peace of the world may rank at the side of the illustrious services of his brother General O. O. Howard in war, one of our great commanders in the struggle which removed slavery and cemented our Union in indissoluble bonds of peace.

Rowland Howard was one of the leaders of American influence in the recent Peace Congresses at London, Paris, and last of all at Rome, where he died in the service and for the cause which he ably advocated in the last weeks of his life.

Our own Society deeply mourns his loss, but we are profoundly grateful for his services, and we shall always honor his memory and record his name among those who have largely aided to promote the principles of arbitration instead of war between nations, and of peace among men.

With sincere respect,

ROBERT TREAT PAINE,

*President of the American Peace Society.*

[The following letter is the one above mentioned.]

"A vast International Association ought to be founded, having for its sole object to make the system of International Arbitration to prevail."—*De Laveleye*.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND PEACE ASSOCIATION.

Offices 40 and 41 Outer Temple, Strand.  
(Opposite the Royal Courts of Justice.)

LONDON, W. C., Feb. 2, 1892.

DEAR MR. PAINE:

We have been much pained at hearing of the death of Mr. Howard at Rome.

I am desired by our Committee to forward to you as President of the American Peace Society, the accompanying Resolution adopted by them at their meeting yesterday.

Mr. Pratt has not yet got back from Italy. After the Congress at Rome he visited Florence and Genoa, at both of which cities he has succeeded in founding societies.

He is now at Nice where he is spending a few days before going on to Paris and so home.

Trusting you are well and with kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

J. FRED'K GREEN,  
*Secretary.*

P. S. May I ask you to be kind enough to communicate this Resolution to the members of your Society.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE, Esq.

[The Resolution referred to is as follows:]

RESOLUTION of the Committee of the International Arbitration and Peace Association on the death of the Rev. Rowland B. Howard.

*Resolved*, That this Committee have heard with great regret of the death of the Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Secretary of the American Peace Society, Boston, who for very many years has been an earnest worker in the cause in America, besides attending the various Congresses held in Europe.

The Committee desire to express their sincere sympathy with the members of the American Peace Society on the loss of one who for so long a period filled the post of Secretary of the Society with so much zeal and ability.

(True copy.)

J. FRED'K GREEN.

Feb. 2, 1892.

## EXTRACT

FROM SERMON PREACHED IN ROME, ITALY.

JAN. 31, 1892.

BY JAMES GORDON GRAY, PASTOR OF SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

As we prayed here last Lord's Day morning for one who a second time was drawing near to the gate of death, for him the portal into life, a peculiar solemnity, accompanied by a sense of more complete submission to the Divine Will in the case, fell upon our spirits. In St. Paul's Nurses' Home, where all had been done that medical skill and tenderly devoted nursing could do during eight weeks of peculiarly trying experience, the shadow of death at the self-same hour was passing over him whom we thus bore before the throne. It turned out to be his release casting its shadow before it by twenty-four hours. A sorely troubled day and night followed; then on Monday last about this hour the heavy breathing ceased, the eyes opened wide as if on the Unseen and became fixed on the new sights and scenes opening up to him. Not a glance more remained for earthly objects. It seemed as one looking fixedly within heaven's gate with not a thought of looking any more behind him. As we stood beside him we almost wished that it were possible to have that look with him. Then all was still. The servant of God had entered on his rest. So passed